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Dear Sir

This statement is being filed by the undersigned on behalf of The Boeing Company, the patent owner.

The information enumerated in the attached PTO Form SB/42, Information Disclosure Citation in a Patent Under 37 C.F.R. \$1.501, was identified during an Opposition proceeding against European Patent EP 1407963, which is a counterpart of the subject U.S. patent. The allegations of the Opposition, see Attachment A, indicate the relevance of the cited documents. As applicable and appropriate, translations of these documents have been provided as Attachments B through G. The patent owner is contesting this opposition as documented by the document entitled Observations, see Attachment H, which includes an explanation of how the claims of the subject U.S. patent differ from the cited art. A complete record of the Opposition proceeding can be found on the EPO Register Plus website: www.epoline.org/registerplus and EPP 1407963.

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The patent owner intends to supplement this Statement with further information and explanations as the Opposition progresses.

Please make this Statement and the enclosed information of record in the subject patent, as allowed under 37 C.F.R. §1.501.

Respectfully submitted,

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